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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 18, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 18, 2003 to January 18, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-1778.

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